

**Annual report
and accounts
2021-21**

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recruits

Squirrels. The newest branch of the Scouts family tree. Where 4-6 year olds can join in too.

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South Ribble

Annual Report & Financial Statement 2020-21

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Martin Sumner Executive Chairs Report

Towards the end of 2020 my DBS came up for renewal along with a couple of mandatory trainings. Having been taking a break from active scouting for a few years I decided to do the training and to renew my DBS resulting in a message from June, our DC, saying 'it would be good to catch up'.

After a couple of phone chats during the lockdown in January, I found myself in the role of District Secretary. One set of District Exec minutes later and due to unforeseen circumstances June asked if I would consider taking the role of District Chair on a temporary basis until the next AGM.

So, the long and short of it is, I was District Chair for the last two and a half weeks of our year! This said, although it would be wrong of me to take any of the credit, I have seen through social media how Scouting in South Ribble has adapted to the current situation resulting from Covid 19. At the end of our last year, the country had only just begun to go into lockdown for the first time, now 12 months on and in the third lockdown I am

very pleased to see District has adapted to the "New Normal".

I am sure the DC and the District Team will give us more details about what has happened in the District over the last year and I would like to thank them and all the Leaders in the District for their continued support for the Young People of South Ribble Scout District. A big thank you also to the District Executive for their work 'behind the scenes' in these strange times. Special thanks go to Tom Astley for his time on the Exec and we wish him well in his future endeavours.

Scouting is a movement which, over the years, has evolved and I am proud to see this evolution continue in South Ribble with the many different and innovative ways Scouting is provided for our Youth Members.



South Ribble District Scout Council

Accounts for the year from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Receipts & Payments

Receipts	2020/21	2019/20
	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £
Donations, legacies & similar income		
Membership Subscriptions	18,443	20,867
Donations	-	-
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	924	638
Training	311	2,228
Subtotal	£19,678	£23,793
Grants		
Maintenance Grant	-	-
International	50	1,200
Other Grants	8,314	2,190
Subtotal	£8,364	£3,390
Fundraising & Events		
Activities & Events	329	9,883
Camps	34	23,023
Network	-	190
Charity Collections	-	-
Clothing & Badge Purchases	9,299	14,360
Miscellaneous	7	46
Subtotal	£9,670	£47,657
Investment income		
Bank Interest	-	13
Subtotal	-	£13
Total Gross Receipts	£37,712	£74,853
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Total Receipts	£37,712	£74,853

Receipts & Payments

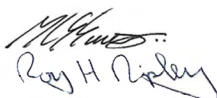
Payments	2020/21	2019/20
	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £
Payments		
International	100	1,989
Network	-	58
Training	170	2,671
Rent	157	1,151
Grants & Gifts	25	20
Expenses	316	1,078
Maintenance	1,302	3,789
Equipment	65	1,517
Subtotal	£2,134	£12,273
Fundraising Expenses		
Activities & Events	2,437	13,433
Camps	869	27,698
Charity Collections	200	327
Clothing & Badge Purchases	10,067	14,541
Miscellaneous	600	1,045
Subtotal	£14,173	£57,044
Total Gross Payments	£16,307	£69,317
Assets & investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total Payments	£16,307	£69,317
Net Receipts	£21,405	£5,536
Net Assets last year end	£137,359	£131,823
Net Assets this year end	£158,764	£137,359

Statement of assets & liabilities at the end of the year

Cash Funds	2020/21	2019/20
	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £
Bank Current Account	126,136	104,124
Bank Deposit Account	26,433	26,427
Cash/Floats	41	70
Total Cash Funds	£152,611	£130,621
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge & Shop Stock	6,153	6,738
Subtotal	£6,153	£6,738
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid HQ Levy	-	-
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The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 22nd September 2021 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature:



Martin Sumner - Executive Chair
Roy H Ripley - Treasurer

Treasurers Report & Financial Statement 2020-21

The period that this report covers is unique for us all in terms of restrictions on our everyday lives and in many cases the tragic consequences of the Covid pandemic. Not least, the effects on our 'Young People' relating to their education and social development are likely to be long term for many and the importance of Scouting has never been greater in the positivity that it brings to so many of our Youth.

Although much effort has gone into virtual Scouting there has nevertheless been a significant reduction in activity throughout the year and this is reflected in the finances of the District as well as those of the National Scout Association. The lack of activity resulted in our financial reserves at the end of the financial year increasing by some 17% but this will be offset in 2021/22 as the numbers who will pay membership fees for 2021/22 have reduced by some 20% in line with the rest of the County.

For some time, the National Scout Association has been operating at a loss and as well as selling off assets to raise cash, there was a 26% increase in the national

membership fee announced for 2021/22 to try and reduce the loss. The trustees of South Ribble District recognised the added burden that this would place on individual Scout Groups and in-turn reduced the District membership fee by 52%. However, these actions were instigated prior to the full effects of the pandemic and we await an announcement regarding National Membership fees for 2022/23 before the District Trustees can set the associated District Fee. Of prime concern is the financial health and membership numbers of our Scout Groups and to support this, the Trustees aim is for no further increase in the total membership fee at this time. This is possible as strong District Finances allow us flexibility regarding the way forward.

We all look forward to greater stability in the planning of our current and near future daily lives especially with regard to the return of 'face to face' Scouting and the relevance of that well known axiom 'Be Prepared' has never been greater.

Notes forming part of the accounts

Accounting Policies

Receipts and Payments accounting is the adopted method and in consequence creditors and debtors are not taken into account.

Equipment is written off in the year of purchase and the amount bought and written off in the year was £65 (2020 £1517). The total value of equipment held was reported for insurance purposes as £36569 (2020 £36618).

Earmarked funds which are held in the District Treasurer's General Fund at 31 March 2021 were:

Description	Held at 31/03/21	Held at 31/3/20
International	10,168	7,864
SASU	698	698
Network	-	-176
Funds for redistribution following Group closure	3,593	-
	£14,459	£8,385

These funds have been earmarked but do not constitute restricted funds and could be removed from earmarking at the decision of the trustees.

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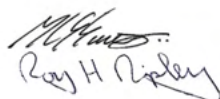
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ADC Communications Report

It's certainly been an interesting 12 months... Communications has continued to be a very area of the district as we look to continue the great work of my predecessor Lee McNulty, who came back to support the District between March and July '20.

I'd like to take this opportunity to really thank Lee for his hard work during an extremely difficult time for our young people and amazing volunteers. He showed that as Scouts we are truly resilient and that as volunteers we can really engage and support young people, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. His support during the transition has been seamless as we collaborated on our summer of digital fun of the back of the UK famous 'Jambutee weekend'.

I have been astonished by our leadership team and how all our flexible volunteers and more importantly young people have adapted, continued to deliver skills for life and we learned we all have more resilience than we knew; It reminds me that Scouts is more vital than ever as it offers hope, encouragement, and skills for life to our young people. It's been a very BIG year for digital and communications. This time last year we launched our newly redesigned website, bringing out web presence in line with our brand. This has been a huge step in galvanising our online presence and we are really starting to see the benefits in this strategic change. Our website is designed to be public facing to encourage young people and adults to find out more about Scouts and how they can join. But also, as important a platform to share, what's going on across the district, from events, training and celebrating success!

We need to continue this great work and increase the exposure of scouting in South Ribble. The wider the diversity of stories, the greater the impact and this is where we also need your help!

In June, the team ran a series of interactive workshops to support our volunteers in the way's and how's of using social media, exploring our brand, and how we speak. If you missed these, don't worry we will be running these again very soon.

We've been working on our communications and digital strategy to take us up to 2023 - To help us tell Scouting stories that make a difference. By planning ahead with our communications, we can ensure we generate the right photos, text, audio, or video for use across a number of channels, to members and to the public. I am really looking forward to sharing with this with you very soon!

I am keen to get out there and meet fellow volunteers, share stories, and help support more young people, volunteers and engage more with our local community.

We offer skills for life, create better communities, and hope! If you need any help, assistance with your communications, or just a general chat. Feel free to reach out at any time!



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COVID Risk Assessment Team Report

Over the past year the challenges of running scouting have seen one extra hurdle. As all groups and sections have had to consider the risks of covid and think about how we can best return to face-to-face scouting.

The work done by the Section Leaders, Group Scout Leaders, and all of the Group Executive Committees to support the writing of Covid Risk Assessment has made the return as smooth as possible. All this un-seen work has been the back-bone of such a successful return to face-to-face scouting.

The District Covid Risk Assessment Group of Beverley, Darren, Ian, and Myself have looked at over 320 document to support the

return of scouting; approving 202 different risk assessments. This accomplishment has allowed our district to continue to provide a brilliant programme.

We would like to thank all those that have supported this process.

As we move one step closer to returning to scouting as usual, the covid risk assessment process has now move to group level. We hope in the coming months that this will help keep scouting safe in these challenging times, but allow sections and groups to grow from strength to strength.



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The BIG Weekend 2022!

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Where: Waddecar Scout Activity Centre

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Vacant

Network Commissioner

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Explorer Scout Commissioner

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Youth Commissioner

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Rosalyn Illingworth

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Kevin Ripley

Youth Commissioner

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